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Rape prevention seminar to be held on campus

Brian Rogers
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There will be a free lecture on rape prevention presented in the University Center theater on Sunday, May 2, 1999, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Latimer

Jill Latimer, coordinator of the lecture, said that the program was important as a pro-active stance on a possibly volatile situation. "The latest statistics are that one in four women aged 18-24 will be raped. 80%-88% of those rapes are date rape and acquaintance rape. This is an issue which has to be addressed by the community. We're trying to reach people about this problem."

The lecture "Friends raping Friends: It could happen to you" will emphasize campus security, date rape drugs, and how to prevent date rape and acquaintance rape. The keynote speaker will be Brett A Sokolow, a specialist in campus safety, security and sexual assault policy. He directs risk management programs for Campus Outreach Services Inc., a national consulting firm.

The lecture will be open to the public, and there is no fee. Free pizza will be served.

Latimer said, "Mr. Sokolow, who is an attorney, is an intelligent outspoken activist. We chose him to speak on this issue after we received a grant from the office of alcohol and drug abuse.

See Rape page 2

Brett Sokolow

Facts about date rape:

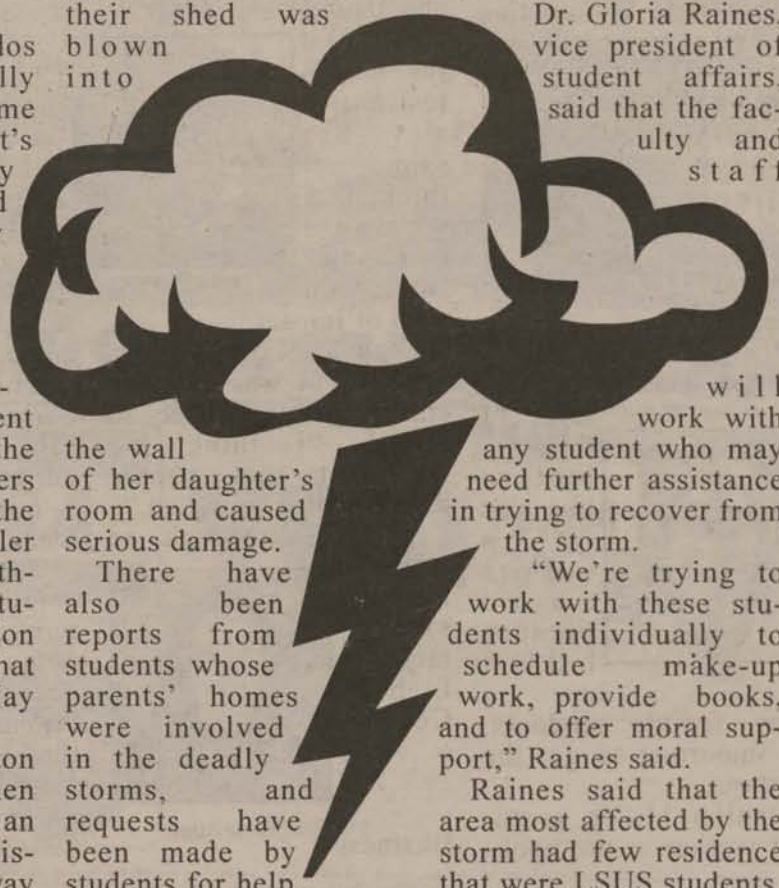
- 80-88% of rapes are date or acquaintance rapes
- 43% of college men have admitted to using coercive or physically aggression to force intercourse
- 75% of rapes involves the perpetrator and/or the victim under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 1 in 4 women, ages 18-24 will be raped

Storms affect student life

Amanda Ellis
ALMAGEST

Last week's tornados and floods literally struck home for some students at LSUS. It's hard to say how many were affected by flood waters, but fortunately only a couple of students have reported tornado damage to their homes.

A student in the communications department lost his trailer in the storm and told members of the LSUS staff that the only portionof his trailer left standing was a bathroom wall. Another student from the education department reported that her home in the Hay Meadow subdivision near Benton suffered damage when the tornado uprooted an electrical pole and discarded it in the doorway of her home. She also stated that the roof of their shed was blown into the wall of her daughter's room and caused serious damage.



There have also been reports from students whose parents' homes were involved in the deadly storms, and requests have been made by students for help in replacing damaged books.

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice president of student affairs, said that the faculty and staff will work with any student who may need further assistance in trying to recover from the storm.

"We're trying to work with these students individually to schedule make-up work, provide books, and to offer moral support," Raines said.

Raines said that the area most affected by the storm had few residence that were LSUS students.

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Graduating proves to be yet another expense

Kathleen McNelis
Almagest

Graduation day may be the most memorable day of one's life, however, the expenses for the gowns, the invitations and the diploma's themselves may hinder many from crossing that stage. For several, the expense is simply a means to an end. "I don't mind paying for it," said Naomi Mage, a graduating general studies major, "because I am glad to be getting out of here."

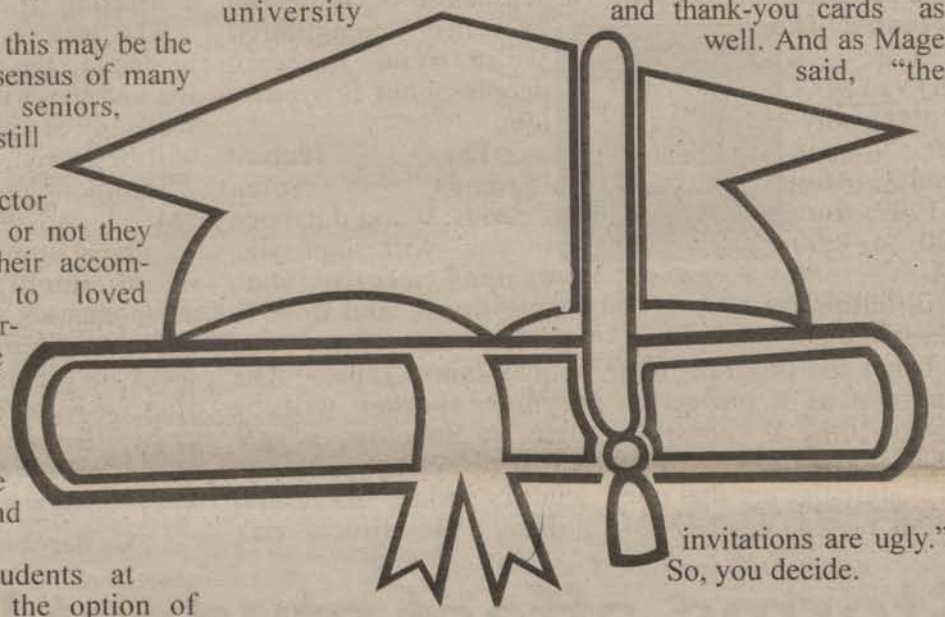
Although this may be the overall consensus of many graduating seniors, the cost is still the determining factor on whether or not they announce their accomplishment to loved ones, or purchase the gowns to cross the stage before friends and family.

"The students at least have the option of whatever they want to buy," said Kathy Plante, registrar and director of admissions. Everything offered by the bookstore caters to the individual needs of the students.

For those who will be attending the graduation ceremony, the gown is an issue. Marty Brougious, a fellow General Studies major, believes he will "probably throw (his gown) away," after he has graduated.

That is exactly why the university started renting gowns. Mike Ferrell, vice chancellor of Business Affairs, said the university used to rent gowns. "It became a hassle, so we switched to the students paying for the gown and keeping them, " Ferrell said. "It has worked out ever since."

So, if you have the graduation expense blues, at least you have the option of buying what you want and getting what you need. It could be worse. You could be forced to buy invitations and thank-you cards as well. And as Mage said, "the invitations are ugly." So, you decide.



Sokolow speaks on date rape

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Date rape is situation where drug and alcohol information can make a difference."

Taylor

Bridgett Taylor, Bronson Hall custodian, said, "I think a lecture like this is important because LSUS has so many female students. It's important to get the word out."

Miller

Jennifer Miller, a student worker at the bookstore, said that she that she thought the program should include a testimonial. She said, "I think a woman's own story would add a lot of impact."

McKay

Sean McKay, a junior, said that he was going to encourage his fiancee' to attend. "I think it's important that people know what is going on."

Yvonne Yarbrough, an administrative secretary for the College of Business

Yarbrough

said that she hoped she could attend. She said, "Any information on this issue, especially a speaker, is welcome, in my opinion."

Coutee

University police Sargent Richard Coutee said, "Any type of seminar that will help prevent a crime is an excellent idea."

The LSUS division of continuing education and public service provides non-credit classes and occasionally holds government-sponsored lectures and seminars. For more information, call Jill Latimer at 797-5130 or 1-800-290-2378.

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Close Up program

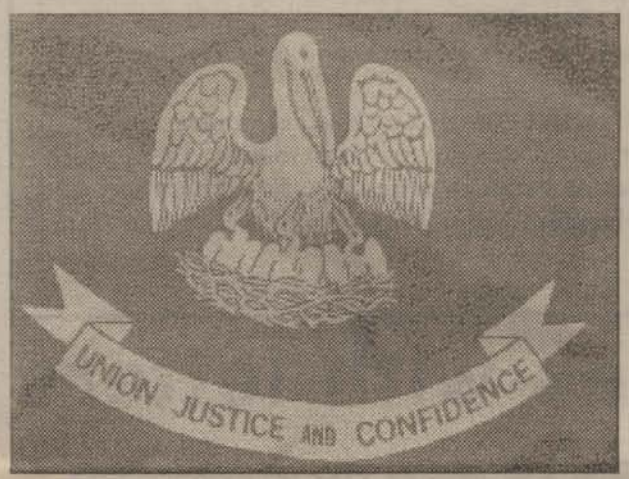
From Staff Reports

One of the most difficult things to understand in Louisiana is the system of government. With our government, we in Louisiana are fortunate enough to have the opportunities that many states do not. That is why the Louisiana State University in Shreveport Civic Leadership Center is sponsoring an opportunity for area high school students and some LSUS students to get first hand experience on the workings of our state government. The opportunity comes from the state Close Up program.

State Close Up is based on the highly successful national Close Up Program held in Washington, D.C. each year for high school students. The state program follows a similar pattern but the focus is on the state government instead of national government. Select high school seniors and college students have an opportunity to go to Baton Rouge when the legislature is in session and observe its working first hand. They meet with their representatives and senators and learn how committees, lobbyists and other branches of government function.

The program's inaugural season was the Spring of 1997. Since that time the program has grown to include all area high schools, and will be attended by 37 students this year. Last year, students had the opportunity to visit with Governor Mike Foster in his office.

This year, students from LSUS' Louisiana Government class will travel as part of the program.



SPJ

Reverse This '99

Come and see how the media figures of Shreveport react when they are being drilled with the uncomfortable questions!

The Louisiana State University of Shreveport's Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) will be hosting the Reverse This '99 news conference. It will be held at the University Center Theater on the LSU-Shreveport campus, Friday April 16 at 11 a.m.

This news conference is referred to as a reverse news conference. The purpose is to allow the public figures of the area to get a little payback. Area public figures will take the role of a reporter and get the chance to interview area media celebrities.

Media Personalities:
Tim Fletcher, KTAL; Doug Fernandez, KTBS; Frank May, The Times; Lisa Roland, The Times; Abe Levy, The Times; Hal Bundrick, The Forum.

Public Figures:
Keith Hightower, Shreveport Mayor; Don Hathaway, Caddo Sheriff; Daniel Robinson, general manager of the Shreveport Captains; Preston Friedley, Shreveport/ Bossier Convention and Tourism Bureau; Elaine King, LSU Medical Center; Ginger Armstrong, Caddo Parish School Board; Shari Warren, Horseshoe Casino; and Joe Fertitta, Line Avenue Merchants Association.

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Letter to the Editor:

I would like to extend a well-deserved bravo to Dr. Beverly Burden for her letter in the April 8 issue of the Almagest concerning driving etiquette in the Shreveport-Bossier area. Her opinions encompassed my feelings and those of other LSU-S students regarding this matter.

Every morning during my drive to school I encounter several of the "10-15 m.p.h. over-the-speed-limit drivers" in our fair city. I spend the majority of my morning commute trying to keep one of them from latching on to the back bumper of my vehicle with the front bumper of theirs. As Dr. Burden mentioned, there are also the drivers who feel turn signals don't apply to them.

I'm not sure, but I think blinkers are an optional package on new cars today. If so, I recommend they be purchased along with that desperately needed compact disc player and 500-watt power amp.

Until everyone discovers a little known thing called courtesy, I suppose it's every driver for himself or herself. So, hey, let's be careful out there!

Darrin Welch
Student

Letters Policy

The Almagest requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and double spaced. Please include your class and major field of study.

Letters should be submitted to ***The Almagest*** office, BH 344, by noon on the Friday preceding the Thursday publication date. Obscene, libelous and anonymous letters will not be printed.

The Almagest reserves the right to edit letters.

ALL THE LSUS PEOPLE

By Genna Angyles
ALMAGEST

Dr. Rex Matlock

Name: Rex Matlock
Job Title: Chair of Chemistry and Physics Dept.
Place of Birth: Bossier Parish
Currently Lives In: Shreveport

Rex Matlock has taught Physics since he came to this college in 1967. He studied physics in college and teaches it because he likes mathematics. Physics demands more math than most other subjects. He first attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1960 in Physics. He then attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, majoring in Physics, where he received his Master of Science degree in 1965, then his PhD in Physics in 1967. Upon graduating, he came to Shreveport.

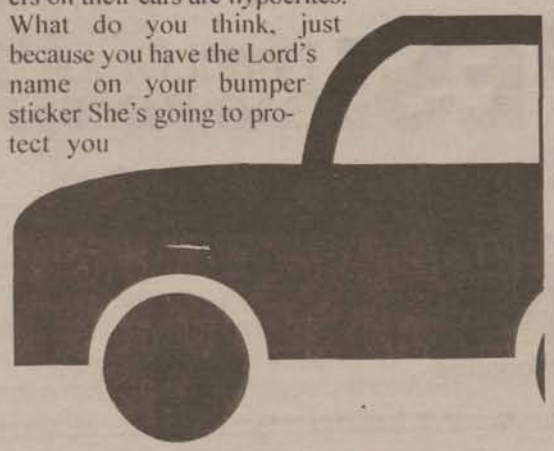
He was born in Bossier Parish in 1934 and his wife's name is Wilma Joy. They have three children, who are Joy Lynn (age 42), Phillip David (age 41) and Derek Glen (age 31).

He enjoys this university because it is not crowded by size. He appreciates Shreveport because, being a "country boy," it is not too large to him. He appreciates students here, too. They are coming to get an education. By commuting from their homes, their interest is education and not becoming independent from their families.

Editor agrees with letters

Finally, someone has brought the attention of my number one pet peeve to light. Thank you Dr. Burden for you letter last week about the driving habits of the Shreveport/Bossier area and more importantly the so-called Christians in this town. I have driven all over this country from Los Angeles to New York City and have found driving in this town to be one of the worst places in the country for driving and driving etiquette. (I'm a firm believer that if you can learn to drive in this town you can drive anywhere) At least in other cities, they may drive erratically, but they don't do in the name of the Lord. Give me a break about the "WWJD" bumper stickers and the fish symbol. These people who drive insane in this town with those christian stickers on their cars are hypocrites. What do you think, just because you have the Lord's name on your bumper sticker She's going to protect you and someone else from an accident? I don't think so. And further more, do you think that a state trooper is going to say "Humm, I see that car speeding but because they have a fish on the back of their car I'm going to let them go." Get real. At some point in time, it will all catch up with you. I believe if Jesus had owned a Volvo to get around and teach his peaceful prophecies he certainly wouldn't be speeding around cars and cutting people off then giving them the finger. I would proudly display the one bumper sticker that sums up my attitude on drivers in this town "Forget World Peace, Visualize Using Your Blinker." Not to say that I don't want world peace, but with fighting still continuing in Kosovo and Iraq, it doesn't look like this problem will be resolved anytime soon. But with the blinker problem, it is a constant hazard to drivers and passengers. I can't tell you how many times I have been in near misses because the driver in front of me didn't utilize their blinker. Don't you think God invented a blinker to be used, not to be there as some pretty, flashing light that makes a clicking sound?

Lindsey Fertitta
Editor



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Please call Chris Edney at 688-7748 (hm) or 687-3680 (wk) or Cortney Kiser at 741-5149 if you are interested in going. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 21, 1999. Call right now!!

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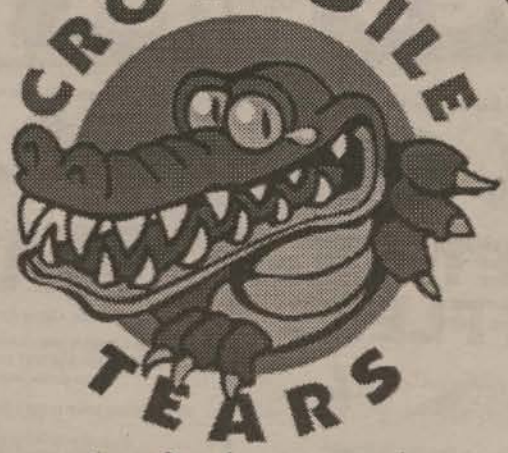

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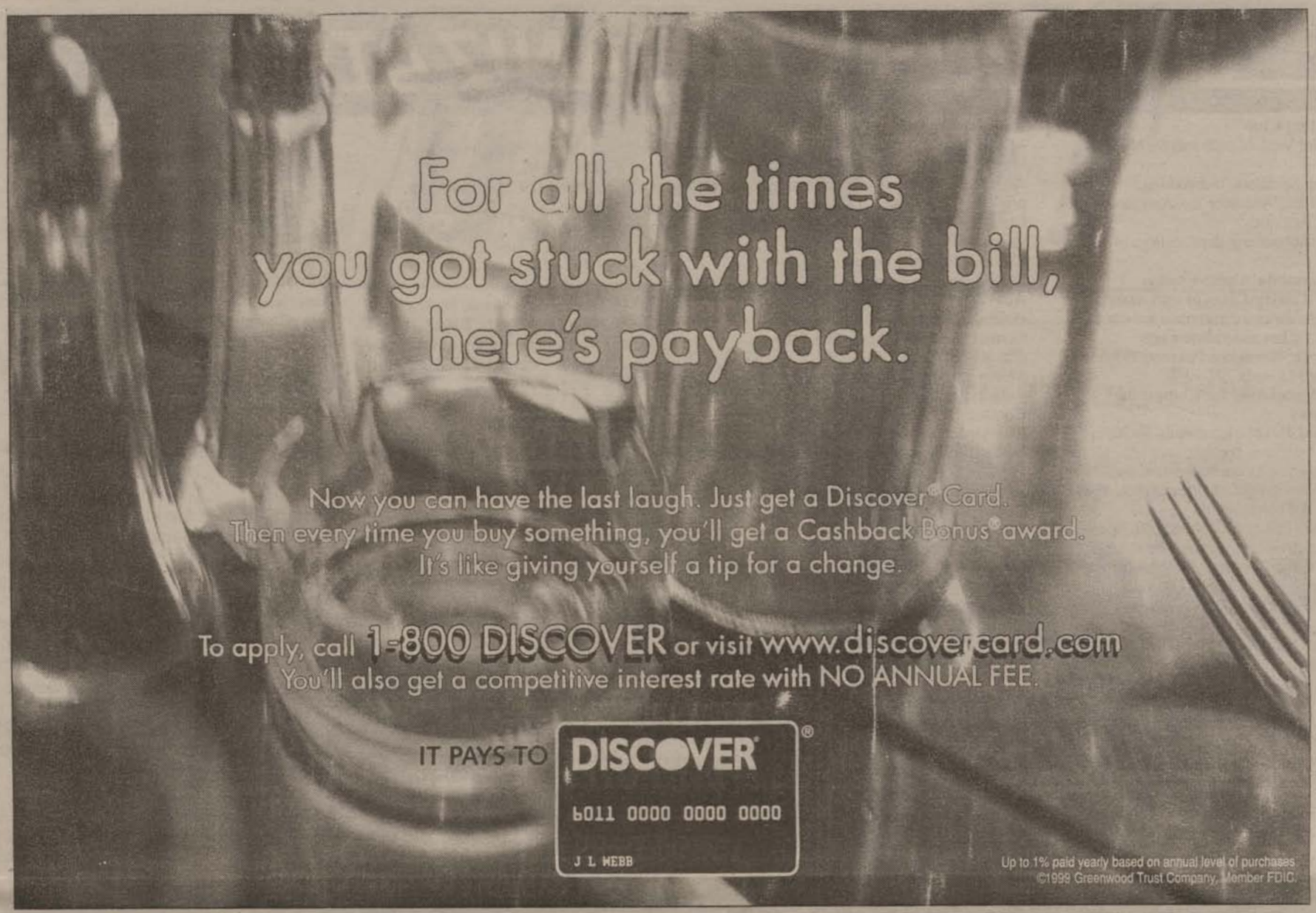
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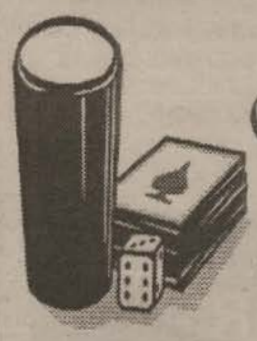

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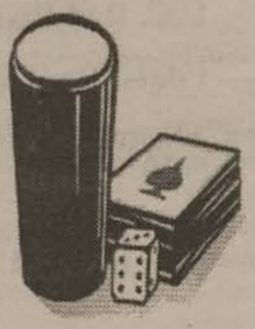

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ACJS/Lambda Alpha Epsilon
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues of each month.
Activities: Various community activities, speakers on law enforcement ops.
Contact: Dr. Bernadette Palombo 797-5343, or Richard Georgia 797-5078.

ACM, Association for Computing Machinery
Meets: 3rd Thu of each month, 10:30, in SC210. Activities: speakers, contests, social activities. Contact: Steve Noonan, 949-2831

AITP, Association of Information and Technical Professionals
Meets: 3rd Thu of each month, 10:30, in SC120. Activities: speakers, scholarships, social activities. Contact: Rebecca Herzog 861-6460

American Humanics
Meets: First Thursday of every month, at 10:30 a.m. in Bronson Hall 355.
Activities: Certification of students working in non-profits.
Contact: Norman Dolch 797-5235

Baptist Student Union
Meets every Wed. at noon and Thurs. at 7 p.m. in the BSU. Activities: Bible Studies, luncheons, community service, social events. Contacts: Ashley Cagle or Keith Reed, 797-1946

Bacchus
Meets: Twice a month, BE 211. Activities: Sponsor of "Alchol Awareness Week" and "National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week"; Mocktail "Happy" Hours. Contact: Jennifer Medina 795-3391

Biology Club
Meets: Twice a month, SC228. Activities: social activities, career seminars, fundraisers, community and campus service projects.
Contact: Dr. Beverly Burden, 797-5088, bbrden@pilot.lsus.edu

Campus Ministry
Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., UC Pilots Room
Activities: devotionals, programs, service projects
Contact: Toni Bishop, 798-8837 or Betsy Eaves, 869-5024

Catholic Student Union
Meets: Twice a month
Activities: Community service, social events, fundraisers
Contact: Joseph Holubek 868-6104

Chemistry Club
Meets: 1st Thurs.of each month
Activities: group
Contact: Dr. Gustavson, 797-5091

Chi Alpha
Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in U.C. Activities: Dramas, community service, social events
Contact: Kelly Honey, 635-0710

Colleagues
Meets: twice a month, TBA Activities: community service, social activities, campus service projects, raising funds for a minority scholarship. Contact DeWayne Petterway at 631-9391 or 635-5686

Drama Club
Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10:30 a.m., BH330
Activities: Dramatic production, first hand information on auditions in local productions, volunteer work
Contact: Jorgi Jarzabek, 797-5228

English Club
Meets: 3rd Thurs.of each month
Activities: Booksale, guest speakers, social activities
Contact: Dr. Thomas Dubose, BH 251, or Patty Lenox, 869-3251

Golden Z Club
Meets: 2nd Tue of each month, 10:30.
Activities: volunteer work, tutoring, community projects. Contact: Timothy Chia, 795-3372

Health and Physical Ed. Club
Meets: Tues, Thurs. 10:30 a.m.
Activities: Almost Anything Goes for LSUS, judge field days for elementary schools.
Contact: Maxie Foster, 797-7294

History Club
Meets: First Tuesday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in BH 446.
Activities: Annual LSUS History Fair, Pioneer Heritage Center, Trips in the Field, Research Seminars, and History Stuff.
Contact Dr. Milton Finley, 797-5337 or Gary.Joiner 797-4176.

International Club
Meets: 1st Thurs.of each month, 10:30 a.m., in BH236 (Foreign Language Multimedia Lab)
Activities: Guest speakers, films, travel and foreign exchange information, International Food Festival, community service.
Contact: Joe Patrick, 797-5390

Japanese Cultural Society
Meets:2nd and 4th Tues of each month
Activities: demonstrations, discussions
Contact: Emi Wamsley, 861-7482, BH238, BH240

Louisiana Association of Educators, LAESP
Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month
Activities: Student teacher tea, speakers, bookfair, workshops, and service projects
Contact: Melissa Jones, 746-0597, or LAESP@yahoo.com

Math Club
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. of each month, 10:30 a.m., BH 421
Activities: Group activities, Science Olympiad, Viro-Wars Tournament
Contact: Julien Doucet, 797-5331 jdoucet@pilot.lsus.edu or David Fletcher, Dave228@yahoo.com

MBA Association
Meets: Once a month
Activities: seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities
Contact: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Business

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Activities: It is an inter-faith, interracial, nonpartism, social action group.
Contact: Angela Holmes at Email: Aholmes@studentmail.lsus.edu.

Psychology Club
Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. Monthly, 10:30, BE342
Activities: Community service, social events, speakers, fundraisers
Contact: Diane at 797-0015 or Dr. Jimmie Smith at 797-5048

Public Relations Student Society of America
Meets: Monthly, Thurs., 10:30a.m.
Activities: Volunteer work, contact with PRSA, seminars, speakers, workshops
Contact: Jaime Lyons

Rotorac
Meets: Two meetings per month
Activities: Students service organization, one service project per semester, luncheons
Contact: Dr. Paul Merkle, 797-5240

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi
Meets: TBA
Activities: guest speakers on topics of the field related to journalism, socials
Contact: Lindsey Fertitta, 797-5328

Society for Resource Management
Meets: BE104. Activities: speaker meetings, prof. Chapter Meetings, various activities.
Contact: Eric Gates, 797-9798

Students for Free Enterprise (SIFE)
Meets: Thu, 10:30,. Activities: Teaching Junior achievement . Contact: Dr. Chadwick
742-9357

Sociology/Social Work Club
Meets: BH361
Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin or David O'Neal, 424-7332

Student Government Association
Meets: Every Mon, 6:30 p.m., DeSoto Room
Open to everyone.
Contact: Nick Crafts. 797-5342

Join SAB Today

Meetings: Every Thursday At 10:30am In UC 229

Remember these upcoming events:
Talent Show: Win Up To $200!
Entry Forms in UC 232 or Call 797-5393 or 798-4103
Apr. 13 at 7:30pm
UC Theater

Spring Fling Apr. 14/15: Sign Up Sheets in UC 229
Featuring Laser Tag and Virtual Reality
6-10pm Apr. 14
10-2pm Apr. 15

Tues. Night Unplugged: Comedian Elvira Kurt
Apr. 20 at 7:30pm
UC Ballroom

Spencers: Magic and Illusions
Fun For The Whole Family!
Apr. 27 at 7:30am
UC Theater

Pre-Cram Jam '99 (Free Food Extravaganza)
May 4 at 10:30am until 2:00pm
UC Mall

All Events Are **Free** To LSUS Students

Campus Calendar

April:

17 — Pilots' Baseball: Wiley College at 1p.m. (Marshall, TX)

20 — Tuesday Night Unplugged: Elvira Kurt, U.C. Ballroom at 7:30

22 — Preparing and Practicing for Interviews: U.C. Red River Room at 10:30

27 — Pilots' Baseball: Centenary College at 7 p.m.

Magic & Illusions Program: U.C. Theatre at 7:30

29 — NAACP Installing of Executive Officers: 10 a.m. im the U.C. Ballroom